

House Resolution No. 1828

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during his sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Alfred Vincent Elsenrath of Portland, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of his Ninetieth Birthday with a special celebration on April 27, 2008, at the Big Bend Retreat in Slater; and

Whereas, on April 22, 1918, in Portland, God brought a special gift to Ben and Dena Hoechstebach Elsenrath with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Alfred, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating his birthday, Alfred "Colonel" Elsenrath will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in his life such as his marriage to Mary Katherine Bush Elsenrath (deceased), and the births of their offspring; and

Whereas, Alfred Elsenrath has been blessed with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include two daughters, Dena Fitzgerald of Glasgow and Virginia "Ginny" Nordmeyer of Parkville; six grandchildren; thirteen great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild; and

Whereas, now retired, Alfred Elsenrath has compiled an impressive list of achievement that includes being a farmer, a school bus driver, a river construction worker, a carpenter, an organizer for the Portland Community Building Apple Butter Fundraiser, a caretaker for the Portland Community Cemetery, and a member of the Eagles Lodge; and

Whereas, Alfred Elsenrath has enjoyed many hobbies and pastimes over the past nine decades, a few of which include playing the guitar and fiddle, hunting, fishing, gardening, and canning; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 90, Alfred Elsenrath is extremely grateful for the countless blessings he has received throughout the course of his long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Alfred Elsenrath at this significant milestone and in wishing him peace and contentment as he continues to enjoy his golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri nonagenarian Alfred Vincent Elsenrath, as a measure of our esteem for him.

Offered by _____
Representative Paul Quinn
District No. 9

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 1828, adopted April 15, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker